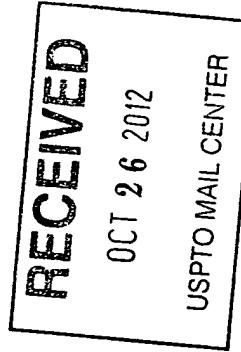


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This is a notice regarding your renewed request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 submitted on September 17, 2012.

The Office no longer investigates or rejects original or reissue patent under 37 CFR 1.56. **1098 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 502 (January 3, 1989)**. Therefore, nothing in this Notice is intended to imply that an investigation was done.

Your fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **ACCEPTED**.

This patent is no longer entitled to small entity status. Accordingly, all future fees paid in this patent must be paid at the large entity rate.

As stated in the decision mailed August 13, 2012, there is no indication that the person signing the request was ever given a power of attorney to prosecute the application. If the person signing the request desires to receive future correspondence regarding this patent, the appropriate power of attorney documents must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the request, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

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